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Services plans a picnic, more fun for the entire family.



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Words from the Top...

Travis prepares for road ahead, change-of command

By Col. Jan Swickard
60th AMW vice commander

There has been lots of exciting news breaking this week at Team Travis, starting with yesterday's official announcement of the 60th Air Mobility Wing change of command. **Brig. Gen. (select) David Lefforge** has been named to succeed **General Kane** at the change of command ceremony now scheduled for Sept. 12. You can read a bit more about Colonel Lefforge on page 3.

As you are all aware, there is a lot of additional work that goes into a change of command, and this one is coming to us on extremely short notice. We're going to need a helping hand from many of you over the next two-and-a-half weeks to organize and execute the ceremony and related social events. This won't be easy, but I know you'll rise to the challenge with the trademark excellence of America's First Choice!

Another challenge surprised us Aug. 16, when a C-5 from Dover AFB, Del., lost its nose gear at about 100 knots on takeoff. Thanks to the skill of the crew, no one was injured, but the incident did close our runways for almost 24 hours. As you can read on page 20, we all owe a great deal of thanks to our fellow airmen at **Beale** and **March**, who took responsibility for inbound aircraft and hundreds of crew and passengers—which equates to a wartime

surge operation for their flight-line personnel.

Thanks also to the many airmen from the **60th Operations Group** and **60th Logistics Group** who accomplished the aircraft diverts, rebuilt the nose assembly, towed the aircraft off the runway, and helped our wing safety office piece together the preliminary facts for our ongoing safety investigation. Once again, Team Travis performed exceptionally well under pressure!

Team Travis had a second opportunity to shine Saturday as one of our KC-10's was requested to perform two air refueling missions with F-117's from Holloman AFB, N.M. Film of the AR's will be used in the new Air Force recruiting commercials that will begin airing on TV this fall.

Many thanks to **Ron Gill** and **1st Lt. Kim Garbett** for doing the short-notice advance work on the project, and to the **9th** and **6th Air Refueling Squadron** crew members that worked closely with Edwards AFB personnel, the F-117 pilots and the contract production team to make the shoot happen: **Maj. Robert Brisson**, **1st Lt. Chris Stacy**, **SSgt. E.S. Abalos**, **SSgt. Shane Hickman**, and **SrA Steve Rodrigues**.

Before the KC-10 departed for Edwards, however, we wanted to make sure the new symbol of America's Air Force was

proudly displayed on its tail, a feat accomplished by eight folks from the 660th Aircraft Generation Squadron and 60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron: **TSgt. Richard Starkey**, **SSgt. Michele Ott**, **SSgt. Yao Saunders**, **SrA Armando Chavez**, **AIC Shawn Boeckh**, **AIC Erik Parcell**, **Ann. C.J. Thornton**, **Guy Cox** and **Kurt Niegel**. Thanks for a job well done; the plane looked great!

On Tuesday, **Maj. Mark Salansky** announced the tentative decision on our recent **A-76 study** of the base's transportation function (see page 12). While the announcement was good news for the 32 civilians currently employed by the 60th Transportation Squadron, it's important to remember that this decision is subject to appeal by competitors during the 20-day public review period. Barring a successful appeal, we will begin a transition to a civilian-run transportation operation in November, with the transportation squadron being deactivated in favor of a civilian program manager who will report to the 60th Logistics Group.

I'd also like to remind everyone that our second **Pride Day** leading into September's base appearance inspection is scheduled for Thursday. While we've made some significant progress in our common areas and base



Col. Jan Swickard

housing, more work remains to be done. Things will only get busier as we get closer to the change of command and help our new commander get up to speed on Travis-specific issues, so take the opportunity while you have it to make some improvements around your work centers and homes.

Finally, don't forget today's **ATWIND picnic in P-14, starting at 9 a.m.** The revised game rules made it extraordinarily difficult for us to win this year's ATWIND competition, but you can still come out and enjoy some Friday "down time" with our Whiffle ball tournament, human bowling and other fun family activities—plus free food starting at 11 a.m.

The next two weeks will be more hectic than usual, so take this chance to recharge your batteries with friends and coworkers...and thanks for continuing to tackle the many challenges that come our way!

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TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Call the Action Line at 424-3333

Employment opportunities

Q I was calling in concern to a classified ad in the Tailwind advertising for totally nude nightclub dancers. I think this is inappropriate to have in a base paper, because it advertises to our young airmen that this is acceptable

behavior, when it's not. I do believe that some people might be tempted to do this to earn some extra money, especially with California being such high cost of living area.

I think these kinds of ads should be banned from the paper.

A To bring the Tailwind to you each week at no cost, our contract publisher must sell advertising to cover the cost of publication and distribution. Neither the Department of Defense, the Air Force or our publisher endorse the products, services or job opportunities advertised in the paper; but we cannot indiscriminately deny businesses the chance to advertise in the Tailwind.

We do screen our ads weekly and work with the publisher to eliminate objectionable

ads, such as: ■ those supporting or implying unlawful discrimination

■ those for establishments declared "off limits" by the commander

■ those with endorsements, overt or implied, by active or reserve military personnel

■ those that are exceptionally false, misleading or deceptive

■ those contrary to law or Air Force regulation

■ paid political advertisements

Military personnel must seek approval for off-duty employment, and the nature of such employment should not discredit military service.

However, our readership is not exclusively military, and the all-text classified ad in question did not meet the standards that would prohibit its publication.



SSgt. Jim Verchio / 60th AMW Public Affairs

ON THE COVER: TSgt. Dennis Hatch, 364th Recruiting Squadron, gets a hug from Lou Seal, the mascot for the San Francisco Giants while SSgt. Eric Land, 364th RS looks on.



(Left), a view of the new exterior of the Travis Commissary. (Below), Shoppers check out beneath a line of colorful balloons on the first day of the commissary's grand re-opening.



Base Commissary takes on new look

By Michael T. Moseley
Daily Republic liaison

They're calling it a "Grand Re-opening" and plenty of people think it is just that — grand.

"It is a pleasure coming to this commissary," said SMSgt. Joseph DiGregorio, from the 60th Communications Squadron. "I've been to a lot of commissaries in my career. Most of them are ... inconvenient. This one is a pleasure."

That seemed to be the consensus when the Travis commissary re-opened its doors with a new look — wider aisles and a more diverse selection.

Ann Schmidt, who has been at Travis since 1968, said it's the best she's ever seen at the base. "It's great! Everything's so much easier to find. It's very well stocked."

It's not just the customers who are enjoying the re-opening. Store Administrator Ron Rogers is loving the new look as well.

"We had Colonel Swickard [60th Air Mobility Wing vice commander] and the Western Pacific Regional Director, Roy Speight, here for the ribbon cutting," Rogers said.

But it was more than just these two dignitaries who wanted to be in on the ceremonies.

"We also had about 200 people waiting at the front door," Rogers added.

The commissary is running a couple of special deals for shoppers through the weekend. Every 15 minutes, the manager has a passerby draw a number from a grocery bag. The number corresponds to a number on one of the store's shopping carts. The person with the lucky numbered cart, wins a \$50 gift certificate.

It happened to Ann Moore. "This is very, very nice," she said as she accepted her certificate.

This and other promotions will be going on until close of business Sunday.



Michael T. Moseley / Daily Republic liaison

(Left), Store administrator Ron Rogers presents Ann Moore and her son David a \$50 gift certificate in one of the store's many re-opening giveaways. One hundred prizes will be handed out until close of business Sunday. (Above), Shoppers enjoy the increased space and better selection at the new commissary.

Team Travis wing change of command set for Sept. 12

Tailwind staff

The Air Force has announced that Brig. Gen. (select) David R. Lefforge will succeed Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Kane as commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the largest wing in the Air Mobility Command and Travis' host unit. The change of command has been scheduled for Sept. 12.

Since June 1999, Lefforge has served as the executive officer to the commander-in-chief of U.S. Transportation Command, who is also the commander of AMC, both headquar-

tered at Scott AFB, Ill.

This is Lefforge's first tour as a wing commander. His last command assignment was June 1998 to June 1999, when he was commander of the 19th Air Refueling Group at Robins AFB, Ga. He has also served as commander of the 911th Air Refueling Squadron at Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C., moving on to become deputy commander of the 4th Operations Group there.

The colonel is a command pilot who has logged more than 3,700 flight hours in KC-135R, KC-10, FB-111 and T-38 aircraft. In 1992, he was a mem-

ber of the first U.S.-Russian air force pilot exchange, where he flew the Russian Su-27 Flanker.

In other assignments, he served as the division chief for operational assignments with the Air Force Colonels' Group and special assistant for general and flag officer matters with the director of the Pentagon's Joint Staff. His major decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal and Legion of Merit.

A 1995 graduate of the National War College, Lefforge is 48 years old. He received his commission as an Air

Force officer following graduation from ROTC at the University of Arizona in 1976.

Kane will join NATO's Allied Command Europe, where he will become the deputy director of the Reaction Force Air Staff in Kalcar, Germany. He has served as commander of the 60th AMW since October 1999.



Lefforge

NEWS NOTES

Survivor benefits

The Survivor Benefit Plan is the only way survivors can receive a portion of member's retired pay. All members preparing for retirement must see the base survivor benefits counselor.

If you have any questions or would like information, contact SSgt. McCandless at 424-2972.

SGLI

Servicemen's Group Life Insurance was increased recently to \$250,000. If you do not wish to have this coverage, please visit the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service. Even elected to decline prior to May 1, you will need to reaccomplish the form to stop coverage.

If you have any questions, contact MSgt. Parker at 424-2276

Virtual MPF

The VMPF can be found at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. The VMPF offers many services previously available only at the local MPF.

If you are in need of instructions on how to navigate in the site, please see your commander support staff or MPF Customer Service.

Readiness day

The 60th Support Group will be conducting a Readiness Day on Tuesday.

During the Readiness Day, Support Group squadrons will be minimally manned, and customers may experience minor delays.

PA training program

The Physician Assistant Training Program board is scheduled to convene on March 25, 2002, at the Air Force Personnel Center. This program is for active-duty enlisted personnel only. Completed application packages must be turned in to 60 MSS/DPMAR (Formal Training) to be forwarded to AFPC to arrive no earlier than Oct. 1, 2001, and no later than Jan. 25, 2002.

For more information, please contact SSgt. Zazueta at 424-4108 or by email at cynthia.zazueta@travis.af.mil

Community flea market

The flea market, sponsored by the Travis Enlisted Wives Club is scheduled for Sept. 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Delta Breeze Club parking lot.

Crafters and squadron booster clubs are welcome.

To reserve your space(s), contact Wendy Housel at 437-1473.

Family Fun Day returns

ATWIND picnic transforms hangar into tailgate party

60th Services Squadron

The day has finally arrived for the ATWIND Family Fun Day in its new location in Hangar P-14 on Hangar Avenue.

Free food, live music, a dozen old Mustangs, interactive games, children's activities and lots of chances to win prizes highlight the culminating event of the Around the World in Ninety Days game.

On the menu are bratwurst, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken wings, chips, soda and yogurt sticks.

On the stage will be the Air Force Band of the Golden West, Crossfire and SMG. Children's activities include face painting and the interactive Action Shack. Children 10 and older can ride in the Human Bowling Ball.

A shuttle bus will run every 30 minutes from Bldg. 1333 in the dormitory area to Hangar P-14. Base residents are encouraged to use the bus service to reduce traffic congestion.

Eleven teams will vie for the title in The Great Whiffle Ball Tournament. First pitch is at 9 a.m. in ATWIND Stadium.

The squadron that sports the winning whiffle ball team gets \$250 for its booster club.

In another squadron event, \$100 in Services Bucks will go to the squadron with the winning team in the Human Bowling Ball competition. The Services Bucks can be used by the squadron toward its next bowling function at the Travis Bowl.

Individuals can walk away with a large bounty as well:

■ The Home Run Derby champion



Courtesy Photo

Among the different activities at the ATWIND Family Fun Day today in Hangar P-14 will be an indoor climbing wall. This wall is similar to the indoor climbing wall available at Outdoor Recreation on Ellis Drive.

receives \$100 cash and \$100 in Services Bucks.

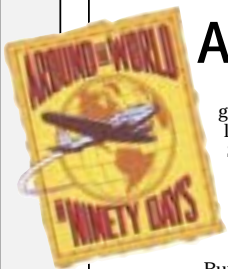
■ Each member of the winning three-person team in the Human Bowling Ball competition receives \$25 cash and \$25 in Services Bucks.

■ Winning teams in the Chicken Eating Contest receive a free Sunday Brunch at the Delta Breeze Club. The overall top team also receives \$25 in cash and \$25 in Services Bucks for each team member.

People can still sign up for these contests today at the picnic.

■ Several sponsors will also hold drawings for more than \$1,000 in prizes, including a \$200 savings bond from USAA, a Sprint PCS phone and a Millennium Edition Coke Light from Coca-Cola.

The ATWIND Prize Patrol will also be there to give away prizes from Sam's Club, Universal Studios and the Solano Steelheads.



ATWIND FAMILY FUN DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Family Fun Day has moved to a new location: Hangar P-14 on Hangar Avenue.

Get your ATWIND game pieces from the following sponsors' booths: Sprint/Earthlink, USAA and Ford. You can also receive game pieces for participating in the Great Whiffle Ball Tournament, Home Run Derby, Human Bowling Ball Competition and the Tyson Chicken Wing Eating Contest.

9 a.m. The Great Whiffle Ball Tournament kicks off at ATWIND Stadium in Hangar P-14 with the 60th Component Repair Squadron vs. 60th Services Squadron

10 a.m. Bowler Appreciation Day begins at the Travis Bowling Center. All eligible patrons receive three free games of bowling until 5 p.m.

10:20 a.m. Crossfire takes the Stage

10:25 a.m. Round #1: Tyson Chicken Wing Eating Contest.

10:30 a.m. Human Bowling Ball Competition begins.

11:00 a.m. Food lines open up for the Tailgate Party. The free menu includes bratwurst, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, chips, sodas and yogurt sticks.

11:25 a.m. Round #2: Tyson Chick-

en Wing Eating Contest.

11:30 a.m. Climbing Wall demonstration.

Noon Air Force Band of the Golden West Jazz Ensemble takes to the stage

12:25 p.m. Round #3: Tyson Chicken Wing Eating Contest.

12:45 p.m. Crossfire returns to the stage

1 p.m. Homerun Derby begins

1:15 p.m. Band of the Golden West Jazz Ensemble returns to the stage

1:25 p.m. Championship Round:

Tyson Chicken Wing Eating contest

2 p.m. The Great Whiffle Ball

Tournament Championship Game.

2:15 p.m. SMG takes to the stage

2:30 p.m. Recognition of event winners

3:30 p.m. Drawings for prizes by

ATWIND sponsors

4 p.m. Tailgate Party concludes

SHUTTLE BUS RUNS EVERY 30 MINUTES FROM BLDG. 1333 TO HANGAR P-14.

GOT AN INTERESTING STORY IDEA?
Call 424-2011.

Energy surcharges

Lodging facilities in California have begun adding an energy surcharge to their daily room charge. These are reimbursable as a miscellaneous travel expenses while on official travel. For more information, call Capt. Kevin Rickman at 424-1818.

Warm weather brings fire safety warnings

By 60th Civil Engineer Squadron
 Fire Protection Flight

The weather is warming up (again) and people are spending more time outside their homes. As with any time of year, we need to pay close attention to fire safety.

To help Travis remain fire safe, here are some tips and reminders regarding grass fires and barbecue safety.

It's the time of year for outdoor barbecues. Is your grill ready? Here are some helpful hints you can follow:

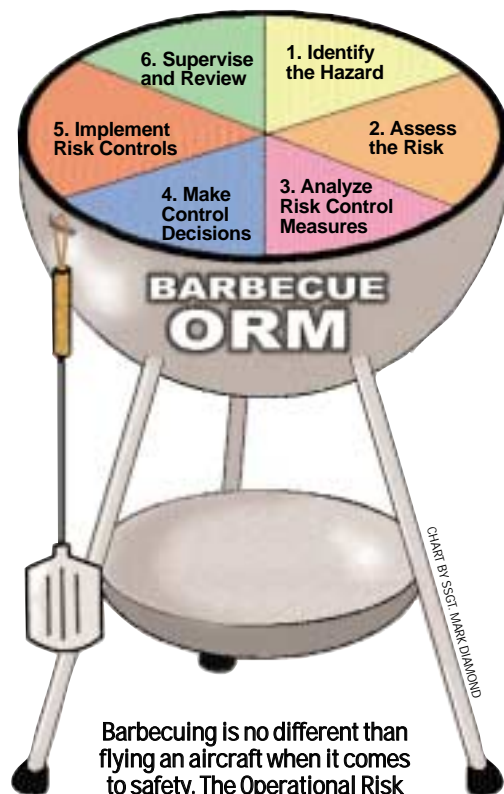
- » Make sure the grill is clean and in good working condition.
- » Be sure the grill is observed at all times during use.
- » Barbecue grills should not be used under covered porches, in garages or within five feet of a structure.
- » Dampness in charcoal can cause spontaneous combustion. Therefore, charcoal should be stored in a dry place to protect from dampness.
- » Use only approved charcoal lighter fluid, never gasoline or any other flammable liquid. Before lighting the charcoal, remove the starter fluid from the area and do not reapply.
- » Make sure the charcoal is completely extinguished by soaking it in water before discarding.
- » If you have a gas grill, make sure all the connections and gas lines are in good condition.

» Do not attempt to light your gas grill if the igniter is inoperative.

By following these simple tips, you can ensure you have a fun and fire-safe barbecue season. In addition to barbecue safety, the hot summer weather exposes Travis to high, dry winds that will spread fires across dry grass and brush very quickly.

The dry grass areas on and off base will become extremely dangerous with an abundance of dry fuel that is ready to burn with devastating results. Automobiles, discarded cigarettes, outside barbecues and power equipment can ignite this ready source of fuel.

Every year grass fires consume millions of dollars in property, and, unfortunately, there is always loss of life. To help prevent fire damage, here



Barbecuing is no different than flying an aircraft when it comes to safety. The Operational Risk Management wheel applies in both cases.

are some reminders:

» Watch for children playing in open grassy areas. Ensure that your children are aware of the danger of playing with matches and spark-producing toys.

» Operators of privately owned vehicles and government owned vehicles with catalytic converters must not drive on grassy areas. The converter's high temperatures can easily ignite most combustible materials.

» Keep all vegetation cut within 10 feet of structures and wooden fences.

» Ensure that all gas powered equipment used to cut dry grass and brush are equipped with approved spark arrestors.

An important reminder for people living in base and leased housing: sponsors are responsible for the actions of their children, and will be held liable for any and all fire damage resulting from their carelessness or mischievous behavior.

The Travis Fire Department cannot over-emphasize the fact that fire safety is a must, especially during months of hot, dry weather. Fires can be reported by dialing 911 from both military housing area and base facilities.

For more information, contact the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention Branch at 424-3683.

Fires can be reported by dialing 911 from military family housing or base facilities.

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Movie making

Team Travis participates in production of new Air Force commercial

By 1st Lt. Kim Garbett
60th AMW Public Affairs

One of Travis' KC-10 Extenders and four of Holloman AFB's F-117 Nighthawks became an L.A.-based filming crew's studio over Southern California's Mojave Desert and coastline Aug. 17 and 18.

Answering Air Mobility Command and the Air Force's call to be recruiters for a weekend, members of Travis' 9th and 6th Aerial Refueling Squadrons and Holloman's 9th Fighter Squadron basked in the limelight during the second round of Air Force recruiting commercials shot near Edwards AFB, Calif. The commercials are scheduled to air in the September or October timeframe.

AMC's "Year of Recruiting and Retention" theme manifested itself this time in two aerial photo shoots. The aircraft from the two bases performed a couple of basic refueling missions with backdrops over the Mojave Desert's sand dunes and later over the California coastline as the sun set over the western Pacific Ocean.

"It was quite a show," said Maj. Robert Brisson, mission commander for Travis' KC-10 crew. "It made you really appreciate the view you have from your perspective when you see it through the eyes of another."

Key Air Force and AMC themes like sustainability of operations, readiness, global engagement and force multiplication were subtly developed as

the KC-10 and F-117s engaged for the cameras. The real mission, however, focused on engaging America's youth and tomorrow's future military leaders.

SrA Steve Rodrigues, a KC-10 in-flight refueler specialist, said "This mission was 180 degrees from the norm even though it was otherwise a very routine refueling mission." He said dealing with constant changes like camera movements, moving the aircraft around to suit the shots of the filming crew flying outside 500 feet or so from the formation in a civilian Lear jet, deciphering radio chatter on four or so different radios for coordination was quite the experience.

"The camera crew from Vector Vision were in complete awe of our mission; it made us remember that what we do on a

daily basis is not something the average person will ever experience," Rodrigues said.

SSgt. Shane Hickman, another KC-10 in-flight refueler specialist, concurred, "We sometimes tend to take our view for granted. We forget that the places we see, the things we do, the aircraft we get to work with, even the chance like this to be in a commercial ... the average person won't ever have the chance to do or see. It was fun working with the camera crew, too; I can't remember when I've had my hand shaken so many times before. It was a brief interlude with pseudo-stardom," he smiled.

Despite the incredible scenery and the awesome experience of flying for a film crew to produce a commercial, Brisson said he was grounded back

Producers and directors of the new Air Force commercial make sure the story board is in order prior to the shoot. A Travis KC-10 aircraft and crew participated in the shoot, which highlights the Air Force's capabilities and its vision for the future. (Courtesy photo)



to the reason for the mission. "They definitely capitalized on light, reflections, backdrops," he said.

What was more important, Brisson stressed, is that we show the young leaders of tomorrow that what we do on a daily basis is more than just a job and that it's fun. "Most of us forget to really appreciate the uniqueness of our jobs and forget how important our military mission is ... in peacetime or in war," he said. Sharing it with others is only a part of the job.

As additional preparation, nine members from the 60th Air Mobility Wing's Equipment Maintenance Squadron and the 660th Aircraft Generation Squadron turned around a painted KC-10's tail flash with the Air Force's new symbol on it in less than 36 hours.

The **SWAP ADS** deadline is noon Monday for that Friday's **TAILWIND**. Ads can be dropped off in Bldg. 51. Submissions do not guarantee publication.



Chart by SSgt. Mark Diamond/60th AMW Public Affairs

Summer Safety

Everyday yard equipment presents variety of hazards

By MSgt. Wilmer Cristobal
60th CES Pest Management foreman

There's still a lot of summer left, and many homeowners are still converging on their yards using a variety of equipment and products ranging from trimmers, lawnmowers and power edgers to chemical sprays and fertilizers.

One thing all these items have in common is that if used improperly, they can cause painful and sometimes debilitating injuries.

The first fundamental safety rule related to outdoor work is to make sure that all mowing areas are properly inspected for hidden objects such as toys, surface roots, stones and other potential items that can be missiles if run over with a lawn mower.

Since many outdoor-related accidents result from the use of tools and lawn equipment, be sure to properly maintain and store all lawn equipment after each use. Never store gasoline or other flammable fuels inside of your home. Outdoor equipment such as chainsaws, weed eaters and other power tools should be used only upon a thorough review of the operating manual.

You should always turn off or unplug power equipment before attempting to work on it.

Fuels and additives such as gasoline should be poured in an area that is well ventilated. These chemicals should also be

The following questions should be reviewed before starting yard work:

» Is all lawn equipment secured properly and kept out of reach of those individuals unable to properly use it?

» Do you wear protective goggles while using equipment such as weed eaters or hedge trimmers?

» Are equipment keys secured and restricted from those who are unable to operate the equipment?

» Do you allow lawn equipment and other machinery to cool off before refueling or storing?

» Are electrical outlets and extension cords rated for outside work?

» Is equipment refueled in an area that is properly ventilated?

stored in approved containers and labeled with their contents. Always remember to remove ignition keys from all equipment such as tractors or mowers to reduce the likelihood of someone starting them.

If you are into gardening, or just general lawn maintenance,

don't forget the many insecticides, pesticides and other hazardous chemicals that you use to treat various insects and plant diseases. These chemicals should always be stored in their original containers and kept out of reach of children. Remember to read and follow the label.

Before you engage in mowing your lawn, make sure you are wearing the proper attire. This includes shoes that will provide you with traction and protect you from hard or sharp objects that may be hidden in the lawn. In addition to proper footwear, you should also protect yourself by wearing close-fitting pants or long-sleeve shirts to prevent scratches or to protect yourself from small objects thrown at you by the mower blades.

Push, don't pull, hand mowers. The reason behind it is simple: there is less likelihood of slipping and pulling the engaged mower blades over your feet. Also, you should never disconnect safety-related features from lawn equipment.

Last, but not least, use goggles. This protects you from small blades of grass or particles of dirt that can be discharged and propelled toward your face.

These safety items are designed for one purpose — your safety.

Author's new action hero: OSI agent

By SrA Jennifer Andrews
60th AMW Public Affairs

The undercover world of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations was uncloaked Aug. 1 when author Ross LaManna's book "Acid Test" hit the stores.

"Acid Test" is about an OSI agent, Matt Wilder, a counterintelligence operative whose investigations uncover a diabolical plot by a modern-day villain.

LaManna, who wrote the screenplay for the original "Rush Hour" movie, credits his father-in-law, retired Air Force Gen. James Mullins, for giving him the idea for the main character.

"I had the story mostly worked out, but I was stumped on the hero," LaManna said. "I wanted someone fresh, not cops or the FBI. I was telling my father-in-law this when he suggested that my main character be an OSI agent."

With airplanes and weapons already plotted into his outline, LaManna thought OSI would be a perfect match.

"Being an OSI agent made Matt Wilder the perfect action hero," LaManna said. "He is an everyday guy who happens to have extraordinary training through the mili-

tary. An action hero like James Bond can go anywhere because he has no jurisdictional limits. My hero has limits, and that makes the book more interesting with a little more conflict."

Before LaManna started writing his book, he spent several months researching with OSI agents.

"From the first day I met with Special Agents Robert Hicks and Nelson Fink, they couldn't have been better," LaManna said. "They were really nice, efficient and matter-of-fact in their answers to my questions."

Hicks and Fink weren't the only people who helped LaManna get information. Maj. Steve Murray, the OSI's public affairs officer at the time, also helped set LaManna up with tours of Bolling AFB, Md., Andrews AFB, Md., the Pentagon and Det. 110 in Los Angeles.

"I hadn't been to a military base before I started researching the book," LaManna said. "I was surprised at how well Andrews AFB looked."

While LaManna toured mostly East Coast bases, it didn't stop him from writing about bases on the West Coast.

"Matt Wilder has to come through Travis during his investi-

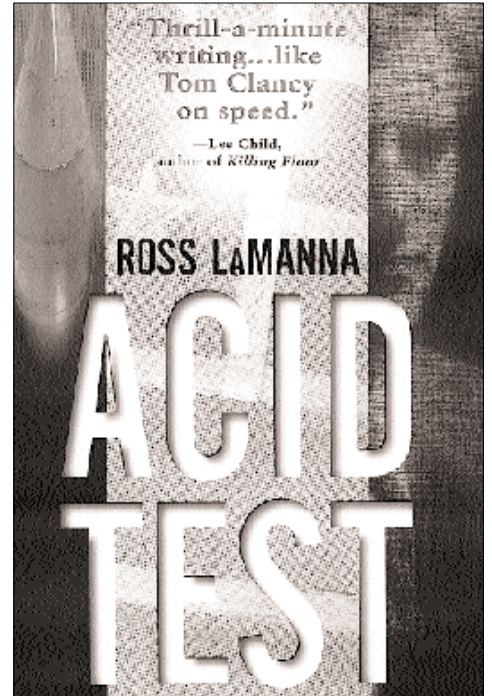


"Being an OSI agent, made Matt Wilder the perfect action hero."

— Ross LaManna
author of "Acid Test"

gation," LaManna said.

LaManna will visit several West Coast bases during September. He will be at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., Sept. 14 from noon to 3 p.m., then at March AFB Sept. 15 from noon to 3 p.m. LaManna also plans on visiting Travis, Beale and Edwards AFBs, and Luke AFB, Ariz.



AMC adds flight manager position

By TSgt. Karen Pettitt
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

Flight managers for Air Mobility Command are steadily changing the nature of air operations as they move the command into the next generation of aircrew support.

Flight manager is a relatively new position created to support AMC's Mobility 2000 project, or M2K, a major integration of the command's command-and-control processes and systems to improve flight safety and operational effectiveness.

Through M2K, the days of pilots spending three or four hours flight planning, taking those plans to base operations and then filing the routes with the air traffic controllers will soon be gone. Also gone will be the days of separate communications systems and no direct link to the pilots during flights.

Flight managers skilled with AMC's centralized method of conducting air mobility — the integrated management tool or IMT — can now do all the prep work, file the plans directly with air traffic controllers and speak directly with the pilots, all from the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB, Ill.

In short, flight managers are virtual crewmembers who can "paper the crew" so that there is more time for pilots to fly their aircraft. But, with the IMT, they can also instantaneously re-route the aircraft, update the aircrew on weather or ramp conditions or smooth the way for operating in international airspace, among many other things.

"It's an exciting time to be in AMC," said Bruce Brunkow, a retired chief master sergeant and one of nine certified civilian flight managers in the TACC. "Just recently, I worked to re-cut a mission from the Frankfurt International Airport (Germany) to go to Rota (U.S. Naval Air Station in Spain) to pick up a patient for a medevac. Although this took a lot of coordination and we had to scramble because of short notice, previously we would have had to generate an aircraft from scratch just to get over there. With the tools we're using now, we can process all the information and do all the leg-



SrA Greg Davis

A KC-10A Extender is refueled at sunset from a KC-135R Stratotanker over the Adriatic Sea during NATO Operation Allied Force in 1999. Flight managers for AMC are steadily changing the nature of air operations as they move the command into the next generation of aircrew support with AMC's Mobility 2000 project.

work for our crews so they can be more efficient and meet the needs of the mission."

AMC currently has 17 flight managers, both civilian and active-duty, who have worked during the past two years with experts from Delta Airlines to bring this new way of doing business online.

Since the integrated flight management prototype stood up in July, the flight managers have worked more than 700 sorties and are continuing to expand their operations under the M2K project.

"AMC is a natural for being the leader in this area because we have such a global mission," Brunkow said. "However, our European and Pacific theater folks are working much of these same issues. They've sent people out here to see how we're doing business. This will affect the entire Air Force because the goal is to have everyone using the same software and hardware necessary to communicate instantly."

AMC is seeking more people to fill upcoming flight manager vacancies, which are posted on the Office of Personnel Management or the Air Force Civilian Personnel Web site now through September. The positions require operational mobility experience including such areas as flying duties, en route operations, command and control and aircraft maintenance.

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Happy Birthday Sparky Coloring Contest

Sparky the Fire Dog is 50 years old this year. Children can join in the celebration by participating in a coloring contest offered by the Vacaville Fire Department as part of this year's Kid Fest event.

The contest is open to children between the ages of 3 and 12.

The deadline for contest entries is 5 p.m. Sept. 7.

Entries must be turned in to the Vacaville Fire Administration Office at 650 Merchant Street.

Prizes will be awarded at the 2001 Kid Fest at Andrews Park Sept. 29.

Winners will be notified by phone in advance of the Kid Fest event.

For more information, contact Linnea Dischinger at 449-5644.

Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Age Group: (Check only one)

3 to 5 Years old : ____

6 to 9 years old: ____

10 to 12 years old: ____

Deadline for contest submission is Sept. 7 at 5 p.m.

Mail or deliver your entry to:

Vacaville Fire Administration
650 Merchant Street
Vacaville, CA 95688



SPARKY

Tentative decision made in Travis transportation outsourcing study

By Capt. Tadd Sholtis
60th AMW Public Affairs

Following a period of public review, the tentative results of a cost comparison released today could put government civilians in charge of the base's transportation function rather than bringing in a civilian contractor.

Under the results of the tentative decision, the 99 military personnel assigned to the 60th Transportation Squadron would be reassigned to other bases or exercise their retirement or separation options, establishing an all-civilian transportation function at Travis. The 32 civilians currently employed by the squadron would keep their jobs, and more civilian

authorizations would be added.

The announcement was made to affected employees at 2 p.m. today by Maj. Mark Salansky, 60th Transportation Squadron commander, concurrent with Congressional notification of the tentative decision.

This cost comparison study was conducted by a team of base officials, and union and contractor representatives in compliance with Air Force policies that implement the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76, Performance of Commercial Activities.

This circular reaffirms the government's policy to use cost-comparison studies — often referred to as "A-76

studies"—to determine the most efficient and cost-effective method of operation for functions that are not inherently governmental in nature.

The study is now in a public review period of 20 calendar days, during which interested parties may call to access to the government management plan's costing documentation and be allowed to file administrative appeals. Barring a successful appeal, the transition to government civilian management of base transportation is scheduled to begin Nov. 1.

The base's transportation function is responsible for management, maintenance and operation of government-owned ground vehicles at Travis.

SFS represents Travis at annual emergency services gathering

By 60th Security Forces Squadron

On Aug. 17, Travis security forces represented the Air Force for the second consecutive year at the annual Pig Out on the Pond, an annual emergency services gathering.

The event, taking place at the Fairfield Civic Center, was widely represented with multiple law enforcement, fire department and emergency unit offices from all over Solano County.

Travis security forces took advantage of the opportunity to explore tactical procedures and equipment from law enforcement agencies in California.

Highlights for this year included a fly-in by Life Flight, multiple SWAT displays, search and rescue canines and Travis' Emergency Services Team.

Security Forces also brought in a weapons display and several special vehicles including

EST response vehicle, a 2.5 ton personnel carrier, police car and an up-armored HMMV. Travis Explosive Ordnance Disposal team also participated, showing off their equipment.

A vehicle display was set up for future Air Force members to get an up close and personal feel for the vehicles and mission. K-9 handlers and their dogs showed off "the right stuff" and turned out to be a crowd favorite. They negotiated through a mobile obstacle course; displaying their expert capabilities.

They also did multiple attack scenarios to the delight of the crowd. The Fairfield Police Department also participated in the attack dog demonstration. Capt. Erik Hoxie, Security Forces Operations Officer, stated "the joint celebration was a singular success, helping to bring our agencies closer together."

*Keeping the West cool***Guard, Reserve continue suppressing wildfires**

By MSgt. Bob Haskell
National Guard Bureau

Air and Army National Guard and Air Force Reserve people and aircraft continue to battle Western wildfires.

More than 1,300 Air and Army National Guard men and women, including nearly 600 in Oregon, were assisting weary civilian firefighters across seven Western states.

The number increased significantly Aug. 18 and 19 because Washington State officials called up 300 more citizen-soldiers, including Air Guard civil engineers, to support the fight against the West's fires.

All told, the Guard troops joined a force of 26,000 firefighters who were battling more than 30 major fires that had scorched more than 500,000 acres, according to reports from the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

Oregon firefighters were battling 12 major wildfires, including two new ones, which had burned 232,000 acres by Aug. 18.

Four Air Guard C-130 Hercules equipped with Mobile Airborne Fire Fighting Systems — two from California and two more from Wyoming — were sent to an Air Guard base at Klamath Falls in southern Oregon to dump tons of fire-retardant chemicals on fires in the Northwest region.

Four more similarly

equipped planes, two each from the North Carolina Air Guard's 145th Airlift Wing and the Air Force Reserve's 302nd Airlift Wing in Colorado, were dispatched to Boise.

Aircraft from California's 146th Airlift Wing, and Wyoming's 153rd Airlift Wing, dropped 63 loads of chemical retardant on fires between 50 and 150 miles away during the first five days of flying.

Each plane can dump up to 2,600 gallons in just a few seconds to prevent flames from spreading and help firefighters on the ground.

The flight crews achieved a 100-percent mission success rate of 63 drops for all 63 flights, officials said.

Meanwhile, Army Guard troops worked with civilians on the fire lines, flying helicopters, driving trucks and maintaining equipment.

One team of soldiers was busy flying four helicopters with water buckets and shuttling civilian firefighters from base camps to fire lines and back in 15 trucks, said a Washington Guard spokesman.

More people were being mustered and trained to support fire-fighting efforts, and 75 Air Guard people were called to duty including civil engineers from the 141st Air Refueling Wing at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., who were tasked to set up two base camps.



'You look marvelous': Capt. Tracy Smith and 1st Lt. Jodi Gregerson, formerly stationed at Travis, unveil their new looks while being videotaped for the upcoming TV show, "A Makeover Story." The two Air Force officers are assigned to the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB, Ill.

Beale provides refuge for a dozen Travis-bound aircraft

By Capt. Robert Couse-Baker
940th Air Refueling Wing public affairs

When the nose gear on a C-5 Galaxy assigned to Dover AFB, Del., detached from the aircraft during takeoff from Travis Aug. 16, The members of Beale AFB came together to assist Travis with its air-traffic concerns.

Before the sun set that evening, Beale would take on the look of an air mobility base, becoming host to six KC-10 Extenders, three C-5 Galaxies, a C-17 Globemaster III, a C-141 Starlifter, a C-130 Hercules, plus 250 crew and passengers. With an upbeat attitude, members of Team Beale rose to the occasion and made the largest emergency aircraft reception in the base's history look easy.

"I'm very proud of everyone, especially the air traffic controllers. We had seven (of the incoming aircraft) on the radar screen at one time," said Lt. Col. Garry Baccus, commander of the 9th Operations Support Squadron.

"This was a big team effort — they made it look like we do this every day," Baccus said.

Active-duty, Reserve, DoD civilian and contract personnel helped clear ramp space and park arriving aircraft.

"Everyone jumped in right away and made it happen," said SMSgt. Billy Higgins, a flightline production supervisor with the 940th Aircraft Generation Squadron.

TSgt. Robert Gibson and SSgt. Walter Wimbs, phase mechanics from the 9th Maintenance Squadron, helped Thorban Sellers and Richard While, Beale's Transient Alert contractors, run tire chalks

and fire bottles up and down the two miles of ramp on which the incoming aircraft were parked. Master Sergeants Luis Torres and Wil Walker, crew chiefs with the 940th Aircraft Generation Squadron, drove the air-stair truck from aircraft to aircraft as they landed, helping passengers and crew disembark.

From the perspective of the arriving aircrew, expectations were exceeded.

"Anytime you have to divert, you know your day's going to go a little different than you'd planned, but it all went very smoothly," said 1st Lt. Nathan Bertman, a KC-10 pilot with the 6th Air Refueling Squadron at Travis.

"The first person to meet us when we landed was from security forces, who needed a copy of our orders. Like everyone else we met at Beale, he was very nice and very professional," he said.

Within an hour and a half of landing, everything was taken care of — Bertman and his crew were on a bus leaving for Travis. "That's a faster turnaround than some places where I've been scheduled to land. The bus driver was great, too," he said.

Second Lt. Cliff Bayne, 9th Vehicle Operations Flight commander, said he's glad to know it can go so well. "We used every single bus and vehicle operator on the base," he said. In addition to the passengers, Beale drivers also transported more than 80 transient aircrew.

TSgt. Tim Waggoner, chief vehicle dispatcher, took charge of the situation as soon as he got the call from the 9th command post. He started calling in people and vehicles. "He was on the ball," Bayne said.

Bayne pitched in at the passenger terminal, where the phone was ringing nearly continuously. "Family and friends were calling, looking for their loved ones who had been expected to arrive at Travis. They all had tons of questions," he said.

With essentially no notice, the Beale passenger terminal processed 173 passengers, including families with small children and several pallets of cargo.

"Normally we don't get this many passengers in three months," said TSgt. Adrian Lenyard, noncommissioned officer in charge of the passenger terminal.

Services provided meals for the diverted passengers. Most of the passengers rode busses back to Travis, while others were provided lodging on base. Beale volunteers used their own cars to provide rides to some of the passengers bound for the Sacramento area. Not one passenger was left stranded or hungry.

The feat by the passenger terminal was all the more exceptional, given that most of the people in the section were deployed or in training, said 2nd Lt. Dennis Slade, 9th Combat Readiness Flight commander.

The Team Beale response to the crisis also included an operational mission. With the Travis airfield closed, KC-10 tankers on the ground could not get out for scheduled flying. On very short notice, a 940th crew covered an air refueling originally scheduled to be provided by a Travis KC-10, said TSgt. John Fill, the boom scheduler for the 940th.

"You use ORM (Operational Risk Management) and do what you need to do to make it happen," Fill said. The F-16 fighters from Hill Air Force Base,

Utah, were met by the Beale tanker over eastern Nevada on schedule, and received their planned fuel loads.

"We don't mind," Fill said. "It keeps it interesting."

Fuel loads for the heavy aircraft here on the ground at Beale would also have to be calculated and executed.

"Beale Fuels performed 13 services in less than four hours, delivering more than 108,000 gallons of fuel," said MSgt. Thomas Busch, the NCOIC of the 9th fuels information center. "This kind of surge operation is a lot like a contingency operation, so one of our supervisors thought this would be the perfect opportunity to get his troops qualified on a wartime tasking."

With so many heavy aircraft needing so much fuel in a short time, SSgt. John Kelly, the B-Shift supervisor, recognized he had the chance to have his people perform multiple source refueling. This is when an aircraft simultaneously receives fuel from different kinds of equipment, such as a hydrant and a fuel truck. Kelly not only met the requirements for serving the aircraft, but also provided his troops with training hard to get in peacetime. Like many involved in the reception of the diverted aircraft, it was a 15-hour day for Kelly. But there were no complaints; on the contrary, the mood was upbeat.

During the incident no one was injured, and the aircraft sustained minor damage.

A board of officers will investigate the incident, and more information will be released as it becomes available.

SGLI sees changes in November

By SSgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance will be extended to provide coverage to family members beginning Nov. 1.

The government has always had an excellent estate program to protect family members in case of a servicemember's death, said Maj. Jeffrey T. Keef, chief of Air Force military estate and special pays policy at the Pentagon. However, little has been available to provide the military member financial protection in the event of a family member's death.

Under the new provisions, spouses and children will be automatically covered if the military member is an SGLI participant, Keef said. The member will have the option to decline spouse coverage if submitted in writing.

The maximum automatic coverage is \$100,000 for a member's spouse, and any lesser amount must be evenly divisible by \$10,000, Keef said. However, the amount of coverage of a member's spouse cannot exceed the amount of coverage of the insuring member. Premiums for spouse coverage will be charged based upon spouse's age and will range from 9 cents to 55 cents per \$1,000 of coverage. For example, \$100,000 of coverage could be obtained on a spouse younger than 35 for \$9 per month.

There is also a policy conversion option for the insured spouse after loss of eligibility for SGLI, he said.

Children will be covered automatically for \$10,000, and no premiums will be charged the member, Keef said. In cases where both parents are eligible SGLI participants, the child may not be insured by more than one member.

In the event of a family member's death, any insurance in effect will be paid to the insuring member. If the member passes away before payment can be made, then the amount will go to the people named as the member's beneficiaries.

"The Air Force sees this as a good deal for its members," Keef said. "By allowing members who have elected coverage only under SGLI to opt for family member coverage, we are putting them on equal ground with civilians who might obtain family coverage as a rider to their master civilian life insurance policies," he explained. "This relieves our members from having to seek out more than one provider in order to acquire coverage for the entire family."

Military personnel flights can expect to receive detailed implementing instructions in September.

Phone numbers to know

Hospital

423-7300

Lodging

437-0700

Military Personnel

424-2276

Family Support

424-2486

Legal

424-3251

Housing Maintenance

437-1230

Contracting

424-7711

Security Forces

424-3293

ITT

424-0969

Passenger Terminal

424-1854

Base operator

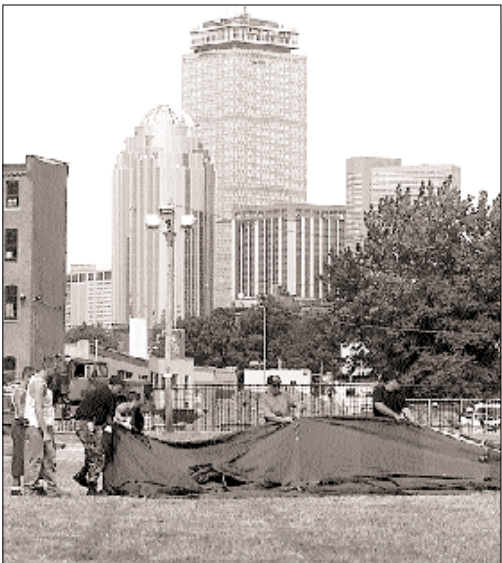
424-1110

Base Exchange

427-4633

The best guests to invite to a party are the designated drivers.

Classifieds work. Call 425-4646.



Helping hand: Volunteers from Hanscom AFB, Mass., work together to put up a tent during Operation Stand Down 2001, an annual event designed to assist the homeless veterans of Boston.

CHAPEL

Services

Catholic

Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.

Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.

Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.

Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.

Sunday, 9 a.m., children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel One.

Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

Protestant

Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, David Grant Medical Center Chapel.

Sunday, 8 a.m., community, praise & worship service, Chapel Center.

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center.

Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

Jewish

First Fridays, 7 p.m., Sabbath service, Chapel Center.

Third Saturdays, 10 a.m., Sabbath service, Chapel Center.

Religious Education

Protestant

Sunday, 8 & 10:30 a.m., Children's Church, 4- to 8-year-olds, Chapel Center.

Sunday, 11 a.m., Children's Church, 4- to 8-year-olds, Chapel One.

Catholic

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., OCIA, Chapel Center

Wicca

Monday, 6:30 p.m., education classes, RE Wing, Chapel Center.

Youth Groups

Protestant

Monday, 6 to 7 p.m., "Community Teens For Christ," 12- to 18-year-olds, Chapel One annex.

Other Groups

Protestant

Second Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Community Young Adult Group, Chapel One annex.

Second Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Chapel Center.

Third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, Chapel One.

Fridays, 10 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study, Chapel One.

First Saturdays, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, Chapel One.

Fourth Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., Community Young Adult Group, Chaplain Sander's home on base.

Inside Out

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., rock and praise-style worship, Chapel One.

Upcoming classes

Learn more about the Catholic faith by attending an introductory meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Chapel Center Annex. For more information or if planning to attend, call Carol Lee at 424-5780.

Protestant Sunday School begins Sept. 9 from 9:15 to 10:20 a.m. in the Chapel Center Religious Education building.

Classes are available for ages 3 through adult. Register now, volunteer to teach or be a classroom helper by calling Gloria Bone at 424-4710.

ABOUT TRAVIS

TRAVIS COMMUNITY EVENTS

Today — ▲ The ATWIND Family Fun Day Picnic set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. promises a day of fun and entertainment for the entire family. This year's festivities feature stage performances, prize giveaways, a Whiffle ball tournament starting at 9 a.m., a Homerun Derby at 1 p.m. and more.

Today — ▲ Come join the fun at the Bowling Center's Appreciation Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and check out the center's new look. Anyone who is eligible to participate in activities at the center will receive three free lines of bowling throughout the day. Call 437-4737.

Today — ▲ Come try the All-U-Care-to-Eat Evening Buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Pizzeria. Enjoy a variety of pizza, pasta, dessert items and much more. The \$6.95 cost includes a soda. Reserve the Pizzeria's party room (seats 16) or enjoy a meal on the outdoor patio. The Pizzeria will also deliver pizza free between 5 to 9 p.m. with an \$8 purchase. Call 424-0976.

Today — ▲ Get a little taste of the Pacific paradise during the Delta Breeze Club's Hawaiian Luau. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Entertainment will begin at 8:30 p.m. Menu items include roasted pork, lumpia, Oriental stir-fry and more. Ticket prices are \$17.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under eat free. Non-member surcharge is \$3. Call 437-3711.

Monday — ▲ Visit the Travis Rod and Gun Club from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for an introductory



Courtesy photo

Story time: SMSgt. Patricia Thornton, of the 70th Air Refueling Squadron, reads a children's tale during the Mitchell Memorial Library's story time. Children of all ages are welcome to attend story time from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday. A guest reader will read stories representing special themes. Call 424-3279.

course on gun safety for beginners and earn one ATWIND game piece per participant. There is no cost. Call 424-5240.

Tuesday — ▲ Child Development Center 2 will accept registrations beginning at 10 a.m. for their Part-time Program running from September to June 2002. The program, for children ages 3 to 5, is available to active-duty military, reservists and civilians employed at Travis. Cost is based on total family income, and a sliding fee scale will be used to calculate fees during registration. Parents must have their current Leave and Earning Statement and their child's shot records with them at sign-up. Children with special needs will

not be accepted without prior medical screening. Children must be completely potty trained prior to enrollment in the program. For more information, call CDC 2 at 424-5400.

All month — ▲ Friday night rocks on the Outdoor Recreation climbing wall. The wall is open on Friday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. with a free belay clinic offered for all "newbies." Youngsters are welcome, so bring the family to check out this fun and exciting sport. Call 424-5240.

▲ The Youth Center is looking for volunteers to teach skateboard and inline skate classes at the new Travis Skate Park. For more information, call Sandra Latchford at 424-5392.

—60th Services Squadron

Blood drive

The Travis blood drive continues Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Conference Center (old officers club). Each donor will receive a T-shirt and two ATWIND game pieces. Everyone is welcome to donate. Sponsored by the Blood Centers of the Pacific. For more information, call 428-6001.

Frozen Coke

The Travis Burger King is offering one free frozen Coke per visit to anyone who brings a children's book into the store up until Thursday. All books will be donated to the Travis Ele-

mentary School library and classrooms.

Part-day program

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CCAF degree

The final day for the Community College of the Air Force to accept degree nominations for the October class is Aug. 31. Meet with a counselor at the Education Center to review your degree progress. For more information, contact the Education Center at 424-3444.

FSC EVENTS

Monday

▼ **Spouse employment orientation**, 9 a.m. to noon for newly arrived spouses. Learn about employment and career development programs at the Family Support Center. Call 424-2486.

▼ **Briefings at the FSC for separating and retiring military members:** VA benefits from 10 a.m. to noon and vocational rehabilitation group counseling from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 424-2486.

▼ **Seven Habits of Highly Effective People** signups are available now for the Sept. 17 to 20 class, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 424-2486.

Tuesday

▼ **CSB/REDUX Briefing** from 8 to 10 a.m. at the FSC. For eligibles for the Career Status Bonus or anyone interested in learning more about CSB/REDUX, the military Thrift Savings Plan, military retirement system and retirement planning. Call 424-2486.

▼ **Employment Interviewing Skills I** at the FSC from 8 a.m. to noon. Learn successful interviewing techniques, how to answer difficult questions and more. Call 424-2486.

Thursday

▼ **Employment Interviewing Skills II** at the FSC 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This second session includes role play and videotaping of mock interviews, the best teacher. Call 424-2486.

September 5

▼ **WIC** representatives will be at the FSC from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

▼ **Life History Collage I** from 10 a.m. to noon. Learn how to reconstruct significant life events, and how to elicit historical information from older family members. Bring magazines and photos. Part II is on Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to noon. Call 424-2486.

September 6

▼ **Professional growth and development class** for airmen (E-3 and below) who want to succeed in the Air Force is from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▼ **WIC** representatives will be at the FSC from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

▼ **Budgeting and credit class** from 9 to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

SPORTS SHORTS**Bowl-a-rama**

The Blue and Gold booster club will host a 9-pin no-tap bowling tournament Thursday at noon at the Travis Bowling Center. The tournament is for four-person teams, and there will be a Crazy Eight jackpot. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes three games and shoe rental. Door prizes will also be awarded. To sign up, call Carol Connolly at 424-2508 or Sheree McDonald at 424-5094.

Half-marathon

The Travis annual half-marathon is Sept. 15 at the Exercise Center parking lot. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and start time for this 13-mile race is at 9 a.m. Age groups for both men and women are 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39 and 40 and over. There will be raffle prizes and additional giveaways. There is no cost. Runners can register in advance at the Fitness Center. For more information, call Jay Sundiam at 424-2008.

Senior bowling

Applications are now available at the Bowling Center for the California State 32nd Annual Senior Bowling Championships. Participants can sign up in the Team Event, which will be held at the Bowling Center, or the Singles and Doubles division, to be played at Stars Recreation Center in Vacaville. The championships are scheduled at both locations Oct. 27 and 28, Nov. 3 and 4, 10 and 11, 17 and 18. For more information, call 437-4737.

Mixed fun doubles

Sign-ups are now being accepted at the Bowling Center for the Mixed Fun Doubles at the 32nd Annual Cal-State Senior Bowling Championships. All participants are required to have an ABC or WIBC card, and one team member must be entered in the Seniors Championships. The Mixed Fun Doubles will be held at the Bowling Center Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, 10 and 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. The \$24 fee must be received by Oct. 1. For more information, call 437-4737.

LSS takes women's softball trophy in extra innings

By Michael T. Moseley
Daily Republic liaison

It took extra innings and a nail-biting finish, but the 60th Logistics Support Squadron finally captured the women's intramural softball championship with their 7-6 win over the 60th Aerial Port Squadron.

"You guys played an outstanding game," Scott Wisecarver, sports director for the Fitness Center, told the winners afterward.

It was a hard-fought game. With APS leading 3-1 in the bottom of the third inning, it looked like it might be a cake-walk for the porters. However, LSS had a different outcome in mind.

Driving in run after run, the two teams kept the game close after LSS pulled ahead by a run. That's how the score remained until the final inning of regulation play.

Then, APS turned up the heat. In the seventh inning APS right center-fielder Debra Ramsey hit a screamer past the infield to bring home left-fielder Nona Dunn and tie the game at five runs apiece. Flawless defense kept LSS from scoring, and the teams went into extra innings.

In the eighth inning, APS drove in a run and left LSS the task of having to score or go home. LSS was up to the challenge — they scored to tie the game once again, but they weren't through. With two outs, LSS second baseman Allie "Taz" Carter sent the ball into deep center. LSS third baseman Kim Moore took off from second, rounded third and headed for home. She scored standing up to her teammates' applause.

LSS commander Maj. Lori Bass was on hand to celebrate with her team and accept the championship trophy.



Michael T. Moseley / Daily Republic liaison



(Above right), 60th Logistics Support Squadron Commander Maj. Lori Bass shares the women's softball championship trophy with coach Yolanda Martinez. LSS defeated the 60th Aerial Port Squadron 7-6 in extra innings in the championship game. (Left), APS left-fielder Nona Dunn shows the offensive skills that kept her team in the hunt for the championship crown. Dunn tied the game in the seventh inning when she was sent home by Debra Ramsey's single. (Right), LSS third baseman Kim Moore crosses the plate for the final time, giving LSS the victory. She was driven home by second baseman Allie "Taz" Carter.

**Golf tournament, packs course****60th Services Squadron**

Thirty-six teams filled the tee boxes in the early-morning hours of Aug. 16 for a sold out 60th Support Group/Team Travis Golf Tournament at Cypress Lakes Golf Course.

A packed course also meant the prize bounty was over the top too — more than \$900 was given away to the top eight teams and the winners of six specialty shots.

The team of John Hubert, Gene Kissman, Scott Thomison and Al Robinson won the select shot tournament with a 53 — 19 under par — and walked away with the \$200 grand prize.

Cypress Lakes manager Debbie Joyce said the tournament was a success in two ways. The sold out tournament had people from every

group on base, and they got a chance to see all the improvements made at the golf course over the past year, Joyce said.

"The 60th Support Group tournament showed the base the best of Cypress Lakes," Joyce said. "The other groups as well as squadrons now know what they can look forward to if they book a tournament."

Cypress Lakes has a simple step-by-step guide to help organizations set up golf tournaments.

"Tournaments can be a great way to raise funds for a squadron or group booster club," Joyce said. "The guide spells everything out, so the tournament is also a lot of fun."

To set up a golf tournament, call Joyce at 424-5797.

JA bowlers edge CES

Michael T. Moseley
Daily Republic liaison

Ed Bauman, unit training manager for the 60th Communications Squadron, has been organizing and overseeing bowling tournaments at Travis for almost 10 years.

"I love doing this for Team Travis," Bauman said. "It's a lot of fun." Monday, Bauman had an opportunity to help Team Travis raise money by holding a bowl-a-thon.

Twelve teams entered the 60th Support Group-sponsored competition where more than \$60 dollars in prizes and a bowling ball were given away.

The 60th Air Mobility Wing Judge Advocate's office donated their first-place winnings to the wing booster club. The JA team bowled a 2429, barely squeaking by the second-place 60th Civil Engineer Squadron's 2408.

Chris Zapatka from the CES team bowled the highest game with an almost-perfect 297. Zapatka also had the highest series with 807.

"I try to make these things as enjoyable as possible," Bauman promised. "I want them to come back to the next one."

Overall the bowl-a-thon raised \$300 for the club.

SPORTS SHORTS

Instructors needed

The Fitness Center is currently accepting applications and resumes for the following contracted positions:

Aerobic instructor — beginning step aerobics/cardio kickboxing, 7 to 8 p.m.

Adult boxing — 7 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays

Adult kickboxing — 7 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays

Youth Taekwondo — 5 to 6 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Adult Taekwondo — 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays

Golf tournament

The 6th Annual Air Force Sergeants Association Golf Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 31. The tournament is a four-person select-shot format, and show time for registration is between 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Registration is \$45, which includes greens fees and power cart. A putting contest is scheduled to start at 11:30 a.m. and is being sponsored by

BLADES, a local golf shop. Roy Vallarino from BLADES has donated two custom putters as prizes for that contest. Lithia Toyota of Vacaville is sponsoring the hole-in-one prize — a 2001 Toyota Tacoma Pre-runner. Prizes start at \$400 for the first-place team. There will be a long drive, closest to the hole, straight drive and in the circle contest. Proceeds will be used throughout the year for charitable work in and around Travis.

Varsity soccer

Varsity Soccer practices begin Aug. 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. Formal practices will also be held Aug. 28, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Aug. 31, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 1, 9 to 11 p.m.; Sept. 4, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; and Sept. 7, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact varsity soccer coach Padre Mulcahy at 423-3678 or varsity director Amanda Saroglou at 424-2085.

Flag football

There will be a flag football coaches meeting Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. at the Travis Conference Center. For more information, call Jennifer Barrientos at 424-2008.

TRAVIS CINEMA

Cats and Dogs

(PG) Friday & Saturday, 7 p.m.

Starring: Jeff Goldblum, Elizabeth Perkins

There's a secret war being waged in the homes and neighborhoods of Earth that the humans don't even know about; an eternal struggle between two great armies: the Cats and the Dogs. Cats plan to destroy a new vaccine that, if developed, would destroy all human allergies to Dogs. The Dogs try to stop the Cats from destroying the vaccine. (Animal action and humor) 87 min

Kiss of the Dragon

(R) Friday & Saturday, 9:30 p.m.

Starring: Jet Li, Bridget Fonda

Liu Juan, China's top government agent, arrives in Paris from Shanghai

to carry out a sensitive, top-secret mission. Liu is in Paris to assist Richard, an unorthodox police official with a small army to back him up. The mission goes horribly wrong, as the man Liu had come to help betrays him. (Strong violence, language, some sexuality and drug content) 98 min

Pootie Tang

(PG-13) Sunday, 7 p.m.

Starring: Lance Crouther, Wanda Sykes

Pootie Tang is the ultimate super hero, a cool walking, smooth talking ladies man. Everyone looks up to Pootie except for the evil Dick Lecter, the CEO of a company that makes cigarettes, alcohol and fast food. (Sex-related material, language and drug content) 82 min

Movie schedules are subject to change after publication.

For up-to-the-minute movie information, call 437-3855.

Submission of a story or brief does not guarantee publication. For more information, call the Tailwind at 424-2011.

Attention all instructional class students at the Exercise Center

Starting today, all military personnel attending the free core aerobic classes must present a military I.D. card to attend.

Students purchasing monthly, half-month or day passes for aerobic, martial arts or boxing classes must present the pass to the

appropriate instructor to be admitted to each class. Students without a valid military I.D. or class pass will not be permitted to attend.

All children under the age of 14 must be escorted through the facility to class by an adult, 18 years or older.

Do not leave children unattended until the class instructor is present. All children must be picked up from class by an adult 18 years or older.

FITNESS CLASSES

	TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CORE	6 a.m.	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	
	7:30 a.m.		Aerobics			Aerobics	
	11:30 a.m.	Aerobics		Aerobics		Aerobics	
	5 p.m.	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	
	Core classes are free to all active duty members. Patrons with an aerobic pass may attend on a space available basis.						

ENHANCED	7 a.m.	Squadron PT		Walking Club	Squadron PT		
	7:15 a.m.						
	8:45 a.m.	Low-impact Step	Senior Fitness	Low-impact Step	Senior Fitness	Fitness X-training	
	10:15 a.m.						Intermediate Step
	11:30 a.m.		Squadron PT		Squadron PT		
	12:30 p.m.		Yoga		Yoga		
	6 p.m.		Cardio Kickboxing				
	6 p.m.	Yoga		Yoga			
	7 p.m.	Fitness X-training		Fitness X-training	Beginner Step		
	8 p.m.	Fitness X-training		Fitness X-training	Fitness X-training		

Enhanced classes are open to all ID cardholders, but require an aerobic pass. Active-duty military must pay for Enhanced classes, except during the Squadron PT class. Yoga classes are \$30 per month, all other classes are \$20 per month, \$10 for a half-month or \$3 per class. Passes can be purchased at the Exercise Center service counter. For more information, call 424-5680.

LIFE SKILLS	5 p.m.			Kajukembo			
	6 p.m.	Youth Kajukembo		Jr. Kung Fu San Soo		Jr. Kung Fu San Soo	
	7 p.m.	Adult Kajukembo		Sr. Kung Fu San Soo		Sr. Kung Fu San Soo	

Life Skills classes are open to all ID cardholders, but require a separate fee for each activity. Active-duty military must pay for Life Skills classes. The costs range from \$25 to \$30 per month. Activity passes can be purchased at the Exercise Center service counter. For more information, call 424-5680.

Savings Bonds

Did you know that U.S. Savings Bond information is available on the Internet?

The address is www.publicdebt.treas.gov. Find out about maturity periods, tax benefits and the values of your Savings Bonds.